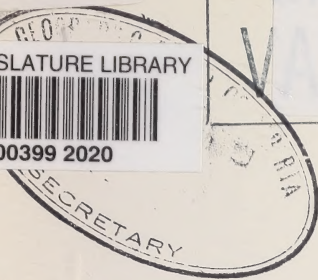


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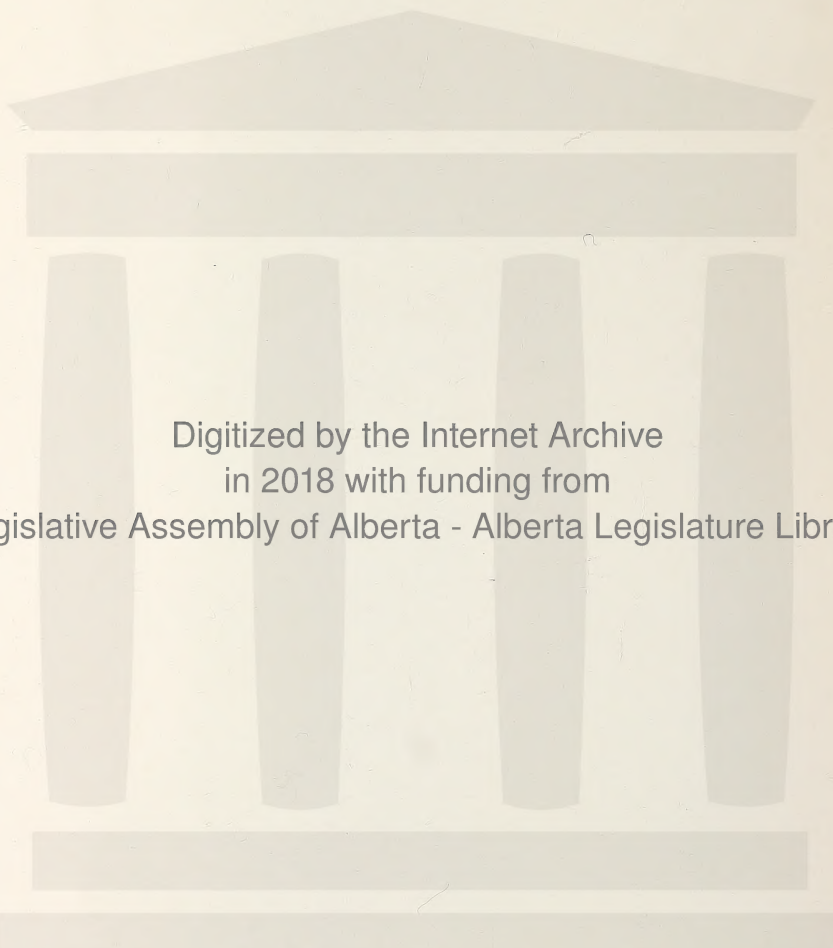


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GOVERNMENT OF THE PROVINCE OF ALBERTA  
EDMONTON

1961

To His Honour,  
The Honourable J. Percy Page,  
Lieutenant Governor of the  
Province of Alberta.

Sir:

I have the honour to submit the Report of the Department of the  
Provincial Secretary for the year ended December 31st, 1961.

I have the honour to be, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

A. RUSSELL PATRICK,  
Provincial Secretary.



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## OFFICIALS OF THE DEPARTMENT OF THE PROVINCIAL SECRETARY



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P. J. A. FLEMING	- - - - -	Chairman, Board of Censors and Director of Amusements Branch
JAS. WARR	- - - - -	Registrar of Companies
A. E. BRIDGES	- - - - -	Fire Commissioner
F. E. LOUGHLIN	- - - - -	Fuel Oil Tax Inspector and Auditor
J. A. MacPHEE	- - - - -	Superintendent of Insurance
J. E. PLEWES	- - - - -	Manager, Northern Alberta Jubilee Auditorium
R. M. AIKENHEAD	- - - - -	Manager, Southern Alberta Jubilee Auditorium
R. D. McLEAN	- - - - -	Director of Public Relations
W. H. KAASA	- - - - -	Director of Recreation & Cultural Development



# REPORT OF THE DEPUTY MINISTER

The Honourable A. R. Patrick,  
Provincial Secretary,  
Edmonton, Alberta.

Sir:

**I** HAVE the honour to submit the Annual Report of the Department of the Provincial Secretary for the year ending December 31st, 1961. The activities of the Department are reported for each separate Branch in the pages that follow. Revenue of the Department for the fiscal year ending March 31st, 1961 and showing the comparative figures for the preceding two years is also given.

Revenue for the Department in the fiscal year 1960/61 increased by 5.3% over the previous year with fuel oil tax revenue up by \$1,409,736 or 5.6%. Pari mutuel tax revenue was up by 16.3%, an increase of \$108,545. Revenue from the insurance corporations tax and from the fire prevention tax also increased slightly. Total revenue from licence fees and from incorporations and registrations of companies declined by 6.7% to \$471,312.40. Revenue from the Jubilee Auditoriums was also down slightly.

The number of films screened by the Board of Censors remained at approximately the same level as for the previous year but the number of eliminations or cuts made from these films decreased by 22.8%. The number of films rejected in 1961 was 5 while the number rejected in 1960 was 4. There were 21 fewer motion picture theatre licences issued in 1961 than in 1960.

Total attendance at the two Jubilee Auditoriums declined by 31,540 in the calendar year 1961, a drop of 3.7%.

Incorporations of companies and registrations of extra-provincial companies under The Companies Act showed an increase again in 1961 after a decline in 1960. At December 31st, 1961 there were 21,118 active provincial and extra-provincial companies on the register, an increase of 8.3% from the previous year.

The annual property loss (estimated at close to \$8,000,000 in 1961) and the loss of life by fire (48 deaths in 1961) continues to emphasize the importance of fire prevention activities. The inspection of buildings for fire hazards and the training of local fire department personnel in this most

important work occupies a major part of the program of the Fire Commissioner's staff. The Fire Commissioner has also been assigned a key role in Emergency Measures planning for the Province in the organization and eventual direction of the Province's emergency municipal fire services in the event of a nuclear attack.

Fuel oil tax revenue for the first ten months of the current fiscal year, April, 1961 to January, 1962, increased by \$5,528,443 over the same ten months of the preceding fiscal year, of which \$4,431,193, or 19.9% of the gross revenue for the ten months of 1960-61 was due to an increase of 2c per gallon on all types of fuel oil effective from April 1st, 1961.

The per capita insurance premium paid in Alberta in the year 1960 was \$93.22, an increase of \$1.09 over the previous year. Of this total premium paid, \$44.16 went for life insurance and life company annuities, \$10.40 went for fire insurance, \$22.12 went for automobile insurance, and the balance for other classes of insurance.

The Recreation and Cultural Development Branch has continued its concerted efforts to develop a practical program of leadership training for the communities of the province. The measure of the success of this program is indicated by the fact that in all courses offered, more leaders have applied for admission than could be accommodated by the available facilities and is also indicated by the fact that the community programs are expanding. Recreational facilities grants, which during the year amounted to \$1,247,583 have been one of the major factors in stimulating interest in community programs.

Effective April 1st, 1961 the Travel Bureau, the Publicity Branch and the Film and Photographic Branch, which became a part of the Provincial Secretary's Department on September 1st, 1959, were transferred to the Department of Industry and Development. Statistics regarding the activities of these Branches are not included in this Report.

A Report of the Fire Commissioner and a Report of the Superintendent of Insurance are published separately each year.

Respectfully submitted,

E. R. HUGHES,

Deputy Provincial Secretary.



# FISCAL YEAR REVENUE

## DEPARTMENT OF THE PROVINCIAL SECRETARY

### AMUSEMENTS BRANCH

	1958-59	1959-60	1960-61
Amusements Tax .....	\$ 455,613.06	\$* 24,583.21	\$* .....
Pari-Mutuel Tax .....	557,367.45	665,706.81	774,251.19
Censorship Fees .....	34,603.50	33,573.50	30,364.00
Licence Fees—Places of Amusement .....	21,185.35	20,085.41	20,273.87
Licence Fees—Motion Picture Operators .....	1,515.00	1,260.00	1,368.50
Miscellaneous .....	---	---	10.00
Total Amusements Branch .....	\$ 1,070,284.36	\$ 745,208.93	826,267.56

### COMPANIES BRANCH

Alberta Companies, Fees .....	174,913.98	223,167.74	184,548.53
Foreign Companies, Fees .....	50,147.55	46,217.20	44,408.05
Extracts, Searches, etc. ....	9,191.72	8,735.38	9,652.47
Total, Companies Act .....	234,253.25	278,120.32	238,609.05
Corporations Taxation Act .....	900.00	---	770.00
Trust Companies Act .....	145.00	105.00	5,615.00
Miscellaneous Acts—Registrations .....	1,554.40	1,737.80	1,770.45
Total, Companies Branch .....	\$ 236,852.65	\$ 279,963.12	\$ 246,764.50

### RECREATION & CULTURAL DEVELOPMENT BRANCH

Registration Fees .....	** 4,064.45	9,615.85	11,695.40
Craft Equipment Payments .....	included above	2,194.31	1,069.46
Total Recreation & Cultural Dev. Br. \$**	4,064.45	\$ 11,810.16	\$ 12,764.86

### FIRE PREVENTION BRANCH

Fire Prevention Tax .....	\$ 43,484.34	\$ 44,843.29	\$ 52,993.72
Lightning Rod Act—Licences .....	200.00	205.00	245.00
Miscellaneous Revenue .....	15.00	14.63	25.83
Total Fire Prevention Branch .....	\$ 43,699.34	\$ 45,062.92	\$ 53,264.55

**FUEL OIL TAX BRANCH**

	1958-59	1959-60	1960-61
Fuel Oil Tax (Less Commissions) .....	\$24,468,867.17	\$24,960,298.62	\$26,370,034.63

**GENERAL OFFICE**

Change of Name Act .....	5,294.25	5,923.00	5,430.15
Professional Acts .....	.25	50.00	---
Queens Counsel Letters Patent .....	---	2,100.00	---
Authentication of Documents .....	\$ ---	\$ 459.69	\$ 491.63
Total General Office .....	\$ 5,294.50	\$ 8,532.69	\$ 5,921.78

**INSURANCE BRANCH**

Agents Licence Fees .....	63,171.89	70,469.50	69,507.00
Companies Licence Fees .....	142,692.50	136,470.00	140,355.00
Total Insurance Act .....	205,864.39	206,939.50	209,862.00
Real Estate Agents' Licensing Act .....	6,308.00	5,169.00	3,241.00
Insurance Corporations Tax Act .....	1,886,712.16	2,063,796.72	2,117,130.22
Miscellaneous Revenue .....	3,104.72	1,025.52	1,086.06
Total Insurance Branch .....	\$ 2,101,989.27	\$ 2,276,930.74	\$ 2,331,319.28

<b>PROVINCIAL JUBILEE AUDITORIUMS</b> ....	<b>** 190,055.68</b>	<b>204,651.71</b>	<b>191,498.59</b>
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**MISCELLANEOUS REVENUE**

Profit on Sale of Fuel Oil Dye .....	11,820.49	12,915.20	21,181.75
Reimbursement of Salaries & Expenses .....	5,868.77	4,868.57	4,765.36
Golden Jubilee Misc. Revenue .....	** 29.84	20.15	---
Miscellaneous .....	** 8,387.52	7,712.84	10,034.93
Total Miscellaneous Revenue .....	\$ 17,689.26	\$ 25,516.76	\$ 35,982.04

**TOTAL REVENUE, DEPARTMENT OF THE**

<b>PROVINCIAL SECRETARY</b> .....	<b>\$27,944,676.55</b>	<b>\$28,557,975.65</b>	<b>\$30,073,817.79</b>
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\* Amusements Tax discontinued effective April 1, 1959.

\*\*This revenue was collected by the former Department of Economic Affairs and consequently is not included in the Department of Provincial Secretary totals above. It is included here for purposes of comparison only.

# ACCOUNTANTS EXPERIENCE APPRAISAL BOARD

## The Alberta Chartered Accountants Act

During the calendar year 1961, the Board held four meetings—fully attended.

Applications received during the year were dealt with as follows:

(a) Applications received .....			24
(b) (i) Applicants certified .....	4		
(ii) Certified - approval originally withheld (1 in 1954, 2 in 1960) .....		3	
(c) (i) Approval withheld (further experience required) .....	9		
(ii) Approval withheld (pending residence in Province) .....	0		
(d) Rejected unconditionally .....	11		
(e) Withdrawn .....	0		
(f) Incompletely documented .....	0		
	<u>24</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>24</u>

Total number of applications received to date have been dealt with in the following manner:

(a) Applications received .....			156
(b) Applicants certified .....		87	
(c) (i) Approval withheld pending further experience .....		31	
(ii) Approval withheld pending residence in Province .....		1	
(d) Rejected unconditionally .....		29	
(e) Withdrawn .....		1	
(f) Incompletely documented .....		7	
		<u>156</u>	<u>156</u>



# ALBERTA HOUSE

The Agent-General for Alberta in London, England, acts as resident agent and representative for the Province in the United Kingdom. Through his office, information concerning the Province of Alberta and Canada is given to prospective emigrants, to business and industry desirous of establishing in Alberta or simply of doing business with Albertans and to persons planning to visit the Province. In addition, information on a wide range of matters is provided to Alberta citizens visiting the United Kingdom.

## **IMMIGRATION:**

British Emigration to Canada last year slumped to its lowest level since the establishment of Alberta House in April of 1948. As in recent years, Alberta House again concentrated on the recruiting of doctors, nurses, social health workers, public health personnel, steam engineers and applicants possessing some trade or skill which might prove of benefit to the development of the Province.

The British decision to apply for membership in the European Economic Community, the continued adverse publicity relative to unemployment in Canada in the United Kingdom press and the reported slow-down in most phases of the Canadian economy drastically reduced the flow of industrial enquiries, other than in matters pertaining to British exports to Canada. As in the preceding twelve months, virtually no interest was shown by British industrialists in Canadian plant establishment.

## **PUBLICITY, PUBLIC RELATIONS, FILMS AND PHOTOGRAPHS:**

As in past years, Alberta House continued to supply Alberta publications and statistical information to Her Majesty's Government, British and Canadian Banks, Chambers of Commerce, Public Libraries, Transportation Companies and Travel Agents. Last year the United Kingdom Education authorities stressed the importance of teaching students more about the Commonwealth countries. As a result, increased requests for information on the Province were received from schools and students throughout the British Isles. Alberta publicity material was again distributed at trade exhibitions, display centres and at selective film showings. In addition, numerous requests were received at Alberta House for factual and general information on the Province.

Close contact was maintained with the British and Canadian press in London. General statistical information on Alberta education, health, welfare, agriculture, natural resources, industrial expansion, housing and comparative costs of living was supplied to the national and provincial press, to the broadcasting and television services, to Chambers of Commerce and to trade publications.

Alberta Government films were shown at immigration meetings, universities, schools, industrial plants, societies and youth clubs. There was an increasing demand from the press, publishers, the film industry and other sources for official government photographs for illustration and display purposes.

The Agent-General was pleased to accept invitations to deliver addresses on Canada and Alberta at official, industrial, civic and social functions.

#### **ALBERTA VISITORS:**

As in recent years, information and assistance was provided to Alberta citizens visiting Alberta House in connection with passport and visa problems, currency exchange regulations, transportation, and British and Continental tours. Visitors were also helped to obtain accommodation and employment.

Requests were received from Alberta school teachers and students visiting the United Kingdom for information and assistance regarding possible entry into British educational institutions.

Invitations were again received and distributed for the Trooping the Colour ceremony and the Royal Garden Parties.

Increasing use continued to be made of the Reading Room at Alberta House by prospective emigrants and Alberta and United Kingdom visitors.

#### **CIVIL ENQUIRIES:**

Civil enquiries, including requests for birth, death and marriage certificates, again showed an increase over previous years. Assistance was rendered in the settlement of estates of deceased persons in Alberta and in the United Kingdom. Information was obtained in connection with property located in the Province and owned by United Kingdom residents. Enquiries were instituted as to the whereabouts of missing persons, and for information regarding the welfare of children of separated or divorced parents. A number of enquiries were received on points of law in Alberta from law firms and from the legal departments of commercial and industrial firms.

#### **REPRESENTATION:**

During the year the Agent-General was again privileged to represent the Government of the people of Alberta at official functions and receptions given by Her Majesty's Government, by His Excellency the High Commissioner for Canada, by other Commonwealth Governments, by the Corporation of the City of London and by financial, commercial and industrial institutions in the United Kingdom. In May of 1961 the Agent-General accompanied a group of leading United Kingdom Tourist and Travel Agents on an inaugural Trans-Canada Airlines Hudson Bay flight from London to Edmonton.

# AMUSEMENTS BRANCH

The activities of the Amusements Branch include the censorship of motion pictures by the Board of Censors, the inspection of places of amusement to ensure public safety by Theatre Inspectors, the collection of pari mutuel tax at race meetings and the licensing of places of amusement.

## CENSORSHIP

The Board of Censors under The Amusements Act screens every picture intended for public showing in the Province, and the picture must bear the approval of the Board of Censors before it may be shown in the Province.

During the calendar year 1961, the Board screened 1,008 first print standard (35mm and 70mm) subjects and 1,195 first print narrow gauge (16mm) subjects.

### STANDARD 35mm. AND 70mm. FILM

The standard films, made up in reels of approximately 1,000 feet, were screened as follows:

	Prints	Reels
First Prints .....	933	3,518
Free Prints .....	75	570
Sub Total .....	1,008	4,088
Second Prints .....	2,089	5,407
Total .....	3,097	9,495

Comprising subjects of all types, they were dealt with in the following manner:

Origin	Films	Reels	Eliminations	Rejections
Austrian .....	2	11	-----	---
Brazilian .....	2	8	3 from	1
British .....	178	774	91 from	27
Canadian .....	16	38	1 from	1
Chinese .....	17	168	-----	---
Czechoslovakian .....	1	8	-----	---
Franco-Italian .....	14	80	4 from	3
French .....	19	111	19 from	5
German .....	34	229	13 from	2
German-Italian-French .....	2	10	5 from	1



Origin	Films	Reels	Eliminations	Rejections
Greek .....	6	27	9 from	1
Indian .....	2	11	-----	-----
Italian .....	49	318	18 from	5
Italian-German .....	2	8	11 from	2
Japanese .....	11	84	-----	-----
Mexican .....	2	8	-----	-----
Polish .....	3	25	1 from	1
Portugese .....	2	11	1 from	1
Russian .....	10	53	3 from	1
Spanish .....	1	1	-----	-----
Swedish .....	7	38	10 from	4
West German .....	2	8	-----	-----
Yugoslavian .....	2	12	1 from	1
United States .....	624	2,047	108 from	49
<b>TOTAL</b> .....	<b>1,008</b>	<b>4,088</b>	<b>298 from</b>	<b>105</b>
				<b>5</b>

#### NARROW GAUGE 16mm. FILM

Narrow gauge films, made up in reels averaging 400 feet each, were dealt with as follows:

	Prints	Reels
First Prints .....	416	2,002
Free Prints .....	779	1,998
<b>Sub Total</b> .....	<b>1,195</b>	<b>4,000</b>
Second Prints .....	258	625
<b>Total</b> .....	<b>1,453</b>	<b>4,625</b>

These include first print educational, documentary, dramatic, religious, medical and advertising subjects dealt with as follows:

Origin	Films	Reels	Eliminations	Rejections
American-Italian .....	1	9	13 from	1
British .....	44	373	43 from	13
Dutch .....	5	9	-----	-----
Franco-Italian .....	1	10	2 from	1
French .....	69	230	6 from	1
German .....	3	20	-----	-----
Hungarian .....	1	9	-----	-----
Italian .....	7	65	8 from	3
Japanese .....	2	16	-----	-----
Polish .....	1	2	-----	-----
Russian .....	9	38	2 from	2
Swedish .....	1	2	-----	-----
U.S. and Canada .....	1,051	3,217	97 from	32
<b>Total</b> .....	<b>1,195</b>	<b>4,000</b>	<b>171 from</b>	<b>53</b>
				<b>Nil</b>

During the 1961 calendar year 35mm. and 70mm. subjects totalled 1,008 (4,088 reels) as compared with 1,015 (3,864 reels) in 1960, a decrease of .68% (7) in subjects and an increase of 5.79% (224) in number of reels.

16mm. subjects screened in 1961 totalled 1,195 (4,000 reels) compared with 1,267 (3,985 reels) in 1960, a decrease of 5.68% (72) in subjects and an increase of .37% (15) in number of reels.

## INSPECTION OF PLACES OF AMUSEMENT

The following table covers the main activities of the Office of the Chief Inspector of Theatres during the 1961 calendar year; 1960 figures are given for comparison.

### THE ERECTION, OPERATION AND PUBLIC SAFETY OF PLACES OF AMUSEMENT

	1960	1961
Number of plans surveyed .....	26	22
Clearances for theatres .....		
Clearances for other than theatres .....	84	54
Clearances withdrawn .....	19	27
Number of inspections .....	571	546
Number of arenas inspected .....	37	44
Recommendations re: wiring .....	178	186
Recommendations re: fire precaution .....	316	268
Recommendations re: exits, entrances and public safety .....	216	258
Recommendations re: basic structure of arenas .....	Not. Tab.	12
Recommendations re: miscellaneous .....	183	66
Buildings inspected where no recom- mendations were required .....	117	125

Again this year there is a small increase (6%) in the number of inspections where no recommendations were necessary. There appears to be a new awareness of the usefulness of country halls, resulting in a general improvement of maintenance. The drop in the number of clearances issued (35%) is no doubt due to the law of supply and demand. We are reaching the point where there are very few communities that do not possess a hall of some kind. There were more clearances withdrawn this year due to the shift in population in certain areas from farms to towns or villages with the result that the community halls in these more or less deserted areas are no longer kept up.

### PROJECTION ROOMS AND EQUIPMENT

	1960	1961
Projectors installed .....	176	136
Recommendations re: repairs .....	128	68
Recommendations re: fire precaution .....	16	5
Recommendations re: miscellaneous .....	7	6

The number of projectors inspected decreased by 23% while the number of recommendations decreased by 48%. It is felt that these percentages are the result of borderline theatres being closed. Those theatres able to weather the depression in the theatre business are those where a higher standard of maintenance is in effect.

### ARENAS

It appears that the structural condition of the Province's many arenas, on the whole, has improved. Almost all of the obviously deteriorating ones have had extensive repairs and the condition of the remainder is being closely watched. The large size of arena structures, together with the effects of

the elements on the outside and the humidity inside, make it imperative in order to maintain a factor of public safety, that the basic structure be inspected regularly.

The fall of 1961 saw the emptying of the following arenas of wheat which had been stored in them for several years:

Barons	Foremost	Vauxhall
Champion	Forestburg	Warner
Daysland	Lomond	Wrentham
Empress	Milk River	

The following new arenas were completed and cleared for licence in 1961:

Barons Civic Ice Centre	Killam Memorial Arena
Champion Arena	Vegreville Recreation Centre
South Edmonton Sports Centre	(Arena)
	Vermilion Stadium

There were only two fires involving large loss reported in 1961:  
Grimshaw Theatre, Grimshaw—Totally destroyed April 25th, 1961.  
Strawberry Hall, Telfordville—Totally destroyed December 2, 1961.

**PROJECTIONISTS—EXAMINATIONS AND LICENCES**

Twenty-Four candidates attempted examinations for projectionists licences during the year. Of these 23 passed, with one conditional pass. A total of 121 licences of all classes were issued.

**PARI MUTUEL TAX**

The Amusements Act imposes a tax on all betting at race tracks done through the pari mutuel system and the Branch is responsible for the collection of this tax.

Pari mutuel betting for the three years 1959-61 is shown as follows:

	1959	1960	1961
Calgary .....	\$ 5,199,369	\$ 6,340,474	\$ 6,707,370
Edmonton .....	8,159,655	9,194,548	11,037,091
Elsewhere .....	22,194	19,358	282,950
	<u>\$13,381,218</u>	<u>\$15,554,380</u>	<u>\$18,027,411</u>

The tax in 1961 amounted to \$898,077.46, an increase of \$123,-826.27 or 15.99% over the 1960 figure.



## LICENSING OF PLACES OF AMUSEMENT

Licences issued for 1961, with comparative figures for 1960 shown were as follows:

	1960	1961
Entertainment Hall Licences .....	1,013	1,033
Motion Picture Theatre Licences .....	312	291
Itinerant Exhibitors' Licences .....	3	1
Film Exchange Licences .....	11	9
Travelling Show, Carnival, Circus, Non-Resident Travelling Orchestra Licences .....	119	70
Special Feature Film Licences (previously included with Travelling Shows, etc.) .....	-----	38
	<u>1,458</u>	<u>1,442</u>

# COMPANIES BRANCH

The Registrar of Joint Stock Companies who is also the Registrar of Trust Companies and the Registrar of Credit Unions is the official charged with the responsibility under a number of statutes for the incorporation and the registration of companies, societies, associations, etc. These statutes include:

- The Companies Act.
- The Trust Companies Act, 1960.
- The Cemetery Companies Act.
- The Societies Act.
- The Credit Union Act.
- The Co-operative Associations Act.
- The Religious Societies' Lands Act.

In addition to incorporating and registering companies the Registrar's office is responsible for administering a great many things required or permitted to be done under these statutes.

The following table shows the number of incorporations of Alberta companies and the number of registrations of foreign or extra-provincial companies under the Companies Act during the calendar year 1961 with comparisons for the years 1960 and 1959. The table also gives the percentage increases or decreases in incorporations or registrations over the comparable figure for the preceding year.

## Alberta Companies

	1959	Increase (Decrease) %	1960	Increase (Decrease) %	1961	Increase (Decrease) %
incorporated .....	2,158	+13.8	1,987	— 7.9	2,071	+ 4.2
Extra-provincial Companies registered .....	298	+ 1.0	264	—11.5	296	+12.1

At December 31, 1961, there were 17,862 active Alberta companies and 3,256 active foreign or extra-provincial companies on the register.

The authorized capital of companies incorporated in 1961 amounted to approximately \$97,000,000 and the capital proposed to be employed in Alberta by foreign or extra-provincial companies registered during the year amounted to \$31,000,000.

Certificates issued under The Companies Act in 1961 included the following:

Registrations of mortgages .....	509
Increases in authorized capital .....	149
Reductions in authorized capital .....	39
Capital reorganizations .....	80
Changes in objects .....	42
Changes in corporate names .....	294
Amalgamations (94 companies) .....	36

Incorporations and Registrations in the year 1961, under statutes other than the Companies Act, were as follows:

Co-operative Associations Act .....	47
Credit Union Act .....	39
Cemetery Companies Act .....	2
Religious Societies' Lands Act .....	27
Societies Act .....	295
Trust Companies Act, 1960 .....	16



# FIRE PREVENTION BRANCH

Under the Fire Prevention Act the Fire Commissioner has the responsibility of directing and encouraging fire prevention measures, instructing in fire protection methods, carrying out fire investigations, compiling fire loss statistics and generally conducting a public education program of fire prevention and fire protection.

## FIRE LOSSES

There has been an increase in the annual monetary fire loss in 1961 on the basis of present reports and estimates. The loss of life by fire as reported to this office also indicates an increase over 1960 with a total of 48 deaths being reported to date. It is possible that these figures may increase slightly when complete figures for the year are available. According to present reports and estimates received, a comparison of the last three years shows as follows:

Year	Property Loss	Per Capita Loss *	Loss of Life	Injuries
1959 -----	7,102,221	5.69	46	63
1960 -----	7,630,695	5.83	41	114
1961 -----	7,858,657(est.)	5.84	48	65

\* 1961 population 1,345,000.

## INSPECTION ACTIVITIES

An active fire inspection program was conducted during 1961, along with fire protection instruction. A table covering inspections for the last three years follows:

Year	Buildings Inspected	Towns Inspected	Orders		Written Recom's.	Special Inspections
			Written	Verbal		
1959 -----	2,691	550	177	248	3,106	280
1960 -----	2,017	117	56	202	1,812	221
1961 -----	1,954	60	96	153	1,888	360

These inspections are in addition to those conducted by the local fire chiefs in various town and cities. Additional visits totalling 898 were made to communities in connection with duties of this Office. The Inspectors have continued the practice of encouraging and training local assistants in the conduct of their own inspection work. There were four appeals from Orders dealt with by the Fire Commissioner under the provisions of Sections 23 and 24 of the Fire Prevention Act.

## FIRE INVESTIGATIONS

Fire investigations conducted by Inspectors and reported to this Office by federal, provincial and municipal law enforcement bodies were as follows:

Year	Fire Investigations	Incendiary and Suspected Incendiary
1959	247	69
1960	255	75
1961	182	45

A synopsis of court cases for arson and allied offences during 1961 follows:

Charges	Convictions	Acquittals or Charges Withdrawn
Arson (Sec. 374 Criminal Code)	8	6

## FIRE PREVENTION EDUCATION

By means of lectures, film showings and demonstrations, the Fire Commissioner's Office fostered fire prevention education at meetings which were arranged with local municipal groups. A number of new films were purchased to carry out these educational programs:

Year	Meetings	No. of Film Showings	Attendance
1959	200	236	11,305
1960	146	136	8,125
1961	154	111	8,301

Fire drills in schools, hospitals, theatres, institutions, dormitories and other buildings totalled 204. Demonstrations of first-aid fire fighting equipment totalled 50.

The Fire Commissioner and his staff, with the co-operation of local fire departments, directed and promoted another vigorous Fire Prevention Week campaign. Special recognition has been awarded Alberta for its report on provincial fire prevention programs and for the participation of its communities in fire prevention activities. There were 146 Fire Prevention Week reports collected by this office and forwarded to competition headquarters. It is felt that although the number of entries decreased slightly from previous years, the quality of entries forwarded for judging improved with the result that a top award and a second was earned for Alberta by Bonnyville and by Stony Plain respectively for their Canadian population class.

## FIRE PROTECTION INSTRUCTION UNIT

The fire protection instruction unit was employed to assist fire department organizations in municipalities and in industry. This was combined with fire prevention work. The following table shows the special work of the unit and the other instructors employed by this office:

Year	Fire Depts. Inspected	Recommendations	Drills Called
1959	123	20	77
1960	125	42	45
1961	190	40	88

The activities of the instruction unit and the instructors employed by this office are shown in the following breakdown of their activities for the year:

	Number	Hours	Attendance
Fire Dept. Drills held .....	88	572	1,197
Fire Dept. Meetings attended .....	33	75	625
Fire Dept. Instruction given .....	69	173	971
Fire Dept. Films shown .....	108		

## PLAN CHECKING

A total of 603 plans for hotels, hospitals, schools, and other assembly buildings were checked. Recommendations as to changes to effect fire safety were initiated and followed up by correspondence from this office.

## OTHER ACTIVITIES

- (a) Firemanship competitions were held in Stony Plain, Peace River, Milk River, St. Paul, Coleman, Rimbey, Red Deer and Bowness. Murray Bedard Memorial Shields were presented to the winning teams at each of the above competitions. At these competitions, this office assisted the fire departments sponsoring the competitions by officiating and presenting competition prizes in addition to the aforementioned shields.
- (b) Emergency Measures Organization: Under Alberta Regulation 375/61 dealing with Emergency Fire Services under the Civil Defence and Disaster Act, the Fire Commissioner has been appointed co-ordinator of Fire Departments in the Province for the purpose of civil defence and disaster. The Fire Commissioner attended regular Civil Defence meetings, participated in E.M.O. exercises and supervised Civil Defence auxiliary firemen training. Lectures were given at Civil Defence Schools. The Civil Defence fire pumpers were used and operated by this Office for firemen training.
- (c) The program of Fire Officers' Training Schools was continued during the year. Four schools were held, one at Olds Agricultural School, one at Vermilion School of Agriculture and two in the City of Calgary, utilizing the facilities of the Calgary Fire Department Drill School. A total of 93 Fire Officers attended these schools, at which Parts I, II and III of the instruction course were given. To date a total of 125 fire officers have attended Part I Schools, 72 have attended Part II, and 37 attended Part III. These Fire Officers have represented a total of 112 communities.
- (d) Alberta Regulation 34/61, Regulations under The Fire Prevention Act, Part II, Old Folks Homes, was passed to provide for fire safe construction and maintenance for this class of building and occupancy.
- (e) Assistance by Inspectors to the Superintendent of Insurance consisted of conducting 29 investigations resulting in six prosecutions under The Alberta Insurance Act, and 49 investigations resulting in 9 prosecutions under the Real Estate Agents' Licensing Act.

## THE LIGHTNING ROD ACT

Licences were issued to 42 agents in 1961 to sell and install lightning rod materials. There were 32 investigations and 20 special inspections which resulted in eight prosecutions pursuant to the provisions of the Act.



# FUEL OIL TAX BRANCH

The following table shows the total sales of fuel oil products of all types to consumers in Alberta for the calendar year 1961 broken down into the principal types of products and showing the percentages of total sales for taxable, non-taxable purple and non-taxable non-purple for each class of product.

## SALES OF FUEL OIL TO CONSUMERS IN ALBERTA

	Total Gallons	Taxable Gallons	%	Non-Taxable Gallons (purple)	%	Non-Taxable Gallons (non-purple)	%
Motor grade gasoline .....	388,907,357	270,172,645	69.5	115,352,107	29.7	3,382,605	.8
Natural gasoline .....	2,636,489	142,786	5.4	252,491	9.6	2,241,212	85.0
Aviation gasoline .....	8,913,158	123,807	1.4	-----	-----	8,789,351	98.6
Aviation Turbine Fuel .....	21,174,026	-----	-----	-----	-----	21,174,026	100.0
Diesel fuel, heating oil, etc....	157,722,399	11,429,982	7.2	112,736,094	71.5	33,556,323	21.3
Liquefied Petroleum Gas .....	126,159,991	288,769	.2	-----	-----	125,871,222	99.8
Tractor Distillate .....	87,504	-----	-----	87,504	100.0	-----	-----
Lighting Naphthas .....	377,663	272,535	72.2	16,518	4.4	88,610	23.4
Kerosene .....	1,521,246	86	-----	-----	-----	1,521,160	100.0
Other Fuels .....	76,356,503	28,094	.04	124,957	.16	76,203,452	99.8
<b>Totals .....</b>	<b>783,856,336</b>	<b>282,458,704</b>	<b>36.0</b>	<b>228,569,671</b>	<b>29.1</b>	<b>272,827,961</b>	<b>34.9</b>

A comparison of sales of fuel oil products to consumers in Alberta for the past three years is shown hereunder.

	1959	1960	1961
Gallons purple tax exempt fuel oil .....	217,841,536	231,772,900	228,569,671
Gallons non-purple tax exempt fuel oil .....	233,936,542	248,236,326	272,827,961
<b>Total Gallons tax-exempt Sales .....</b>	<b>451,778,078</b>	<b>480,009,226</b>	<b>501,397,632</b>
<b>Total Gallons taxable Sales .....</b>	<b>255,127,852</b>	<b>269,671,865</b>	<b>282,458,704</b>
<b>Total Gallons all Sales .....</b>	<b>706,905,930</b>	<b>749,681,091</b>	<b>783,856,336</b>

The adoption by neighbouring jurisdictions of a tax on diesel fuel and liquefied petroleum gas on a user basis, rather than a tax on all fuel oil sold, undermined the reciprocal arrangement that previously existed whereby fuel oil in the fuel tanks of motor vehicles could be taken from one jurisdiction to another without payment of further tax. This made it advantageous for diesel fuel users to fill their fuel tanks outside Alberta for consumption within this Province. To protect our revenue a tax was imposed, effective from June 1st of 1960, on diesel fuel and liquefied petroleum gas brought into the Province in the fuel tanks of motor vehicles from jurisdictions in which no tax has been paid at the time of purchase. Collections from this tax in the year 1961 amounted to \$62,990. This

additional revenue is only a part of the benefit accruing to the Province as a result of this tax change because undoubtedly considerable quantities of fuel oil previously purchased elsewhere, as a result of the control effected by the tax, were purchased in Alberta and the tax paid under other provisions of the Act. Further, if this provision had not been enacted, there would have been an increasingly larger loss of revenue as a result of transport companies arranging to re-fuel outside of the Province and thus avoiding payment of any tax.

Convictions under the Fuel Oil Tax Act in the calendar year 1961 totalled 2155. Total fines amounted to \$60,109 and costs assessed were \$5,184.15. These convictions were almost entirely for the offence of having purple fuel in the fuel tank of a motor vehicle.

# GENERAL ADMINISTRATION

The Department of the Provincial Secretary is the Keeper of the Seal of the Province. The Seal is affixed to proclamations, certificates, commissions, warrants, writs, etc. In 1961 the Seal was affixed to more than 600 such documents.

In 1961 there were 344 certificates of change of name issued. Of these, 284 certificates were issued under The Change of Name Act, Chapter 37 of the Revised Statutes of Alberta, 1955, and 60 were issued under The Change of Name Act, 1961, which came into force and repealed the former Acts as of October 1st, 1961.

To discharge the responsibilities assigned to the Provincial Secretary's Department under the Alberta Survival Plan for the preservation of essential Government records and for the organization and direction of emergency fire services, considerable work of an organizational nature was done during the year 1961.



# INSURANCE BRANCH

The office of the Superintendent of Insurance is charged with the responsibility of licensing insurance companies and insurance agents in the Province, of taxing insurance companies and generally of regulating the business of insurance in Alberta as provided by The Alberta Insurance Act and The Insurance Corporations Tax Act. The Superintendent of Insurance is also the official responsible for the licensing of real estate agents and salesmen and for the regulation of the real estate business under The Real Estate Agents' Licensing Act.

## **THE ALBERTA INSURANCE ACT**

The Alberta Insurance Act requires all insurance companies, insurance agents and insurance adjusters to be licensed. Qualification by examination under Alberta Regulation 192/59 is required of all new applicants for insurance agents' certificates of authority except for the classes of livestock, hail, life or disability insurance, including sickness and accident insurance.

Operations of the Superintendent's office are planned to work co-operatively with the various other provinces of Canada to maintain uniformity in the enactment and the administration of insurance laws in all of the common law provinces of Canada. The 44th annual conference of the Provincial Superintendents of Insurance was held at Winnipeg, Manitoba, in September 1961 and was attended by the Alberta Superintendent of Insurance.

Insurance premiums for all classes written in 1960 were \$119,595,732 as compared with \$114,886,862 in 1959, an increase of 4.10%. Total life premiums, excluding fraternal, in 1960 were \$56,662,546 as compared with \$53,401,150 in 1959, an increase of 6.11%.

Statistics reflecting some of the functions of the branch under this Act and the operations of the industry follow as Appendix "A".

## **THE REAL ESTATE AGENTS' LICENSING ACT**

Qualification by examination of real estate agents and salesmen under Alberta Regulation 25/59 is required of all new applicants under the Act. Of the total number of applicants for new licences in 1961, approximately 14.6% either failed to pass the examination or failed to write it.

Statistics reflecting branch activities under this Act follow as Appendix "B".

## THE INSURANCE CORPORATIONS TAX

Under this Act insurers licensed in Alberta, other than fraternal societies, are assessed a tax of 2% of their gross premiums receivable, excluding marine insurance and annuities and less dividends, return premiums and reinsurance ceded to companies licensed in Alberta. For the calendar year ending December 31st, 1961, the tax collected was \$2,107,549.18, an increase of \$52,582.67, or 2.56%, over the collections for the previous calendar year.

### APPENDIX "A"

#### INSURANCE COMPANY LICENCES

	CALENDAR YEAR	
	1960	1961
Dominion registered companies .....	325	327
Provincial companies .....	7	9
Extra-Provincial companies .....	13	15
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	345	351
New companies admitted .....	11	14
Companies withdrawn during year .....	1	—
Companies withdrawn, merged or not renewing at end of year .....	7	13
Insurers renewing at end of year .....	337	338
Changes in name .....	—	4

#### LICENSING OF INSURANCE AGENTS AND ADJUSTERS

Certificates of Authority issued	
February 15, 1960 to February 15, 1961 .....	6,368
Increase over previous year .....	112
Certificates of Authority issued	
February 15, 1961 to December 31, 1961 .....	6,435
Adjusters' Certificates issued	
June 1, 1960 to June 1, 1961 .....	180
Increase over previous year .....	2
Adjusters' Certificates issued	
June 1, 1961 to December 31, 1961 .....	161

#### ADVISORY BOARDS

Insurance Agents and Adjusters .....	2
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#### QUALIFICATION EXAMINATIONS FOR INSURANCE AGENTS

	CALENDAR YEAR	
	1960	1961
Total Candidates .....	314	400
Qualified .....	229	300
Failed to Qualify .....	77	76
Candidates Pending December 31, 1961 .....	8	24

#### INSURANCE COMPLAINTS

Complaints Received .....	338	308
Charges Entered .....	8	10
Charges Dismissed or Withdrawn .....	Nil	1
Stay of Proceedings .....	Nil	1
Convictions obtained .....	7	4
Cases Pending .....	1	3
Letters of Warning .....	16	41
Fines Paid .....	\$85.00	\$90.00
Jail Sentences .....	1 one-yr. suspended sentence	1 one-yr. suspended sentence

## PREMIUMS WRITTEN

To the 345 insurers licensed in Alberta in 1960, Albertans paid \$119,595,732 in insurance premiums. This figure, compiled from the Annual Statements filed by the companies, represents an increase over the 1959 volume of business of 4.1%. Based on the 1st of June, 1960, estimated Alberta population of 1,283,000, the per capita insurance premium in Alberta in 1960 was \$93.22, an increase of \$1.09 over the previous year. A comparison of premiums written by classes for 1959 and 1960 follows:

### CLASS OF INSURANCE

	1959	1960	P or M	%
Life				
Ordinary .....	\$ 36,147,134	\$ 38,985,019	P	7.85
Group .....	5,426,873	6,020,711	P	10.94
Industrial .....	1,483,099	934,112	M	37.02
Annuities .....	10,344,044	10,722,704	P	3.66
Fire .....	13,105,299	13,342,960	P	1.81
Automobile .....	27,216,454	26,456,958	M	2.79
Accident .....	648,181	598,681	M	7.63
Sickness .....	78,601	89,999	P	14.50
Accident & Sickness(combined)	8,315,787	9,285,831	P	11.66
Liability .....	2,581,750	2,612,277	P	1.18
Guarantee .....	1,120,088	1,132,412	P	1.10
Theft .....	298,249	271,854	M	8.85
Plate Glass .....	190,835	229,847	P	20.44
Personal Property .....	3,731,175	4,084,352	P	9.46
Inland Transportation .....	1,213,978	1,204,202	M	.81
Miscellaneous .....	1,175,150	1,721,738	P	46.51
Hail .....	683,177	555,706	M	22.94
Fraternal Life & Disability .....	1,126,988	1,346,369	P	19.47
<b>TOTAL</b> .....	<b>\$114,886,862</b>	<b>\$119,595,732</b>	<b>P</b>	<b>4.10</b>

Note: P = plus  
M = minus  
% = percentage

## APPENDIX "B"

### LICENSING OF REAL ESTATE AGENTS AND SALESMEN

Continuous licences issued	
January 1, 1961 to December 31, 1961	
Agents .....	78
Salesmen .....	1,085
Total licences issued for calendar year 1961 .....	1,163
Increase or Decrease from previous year	
Decrease in Agents' Licences issued .....	38
Increase in Salesmen's licences issued .....	97
Continuous licences in effect as of December 31, 1961	
Agents .....	672
Salesmen .....	1,316
Total licences in effect as of December 31, 1961 .....	1,988

### ADVISORY BOARDS

Real Estate Agents and Salesmen .....	7
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**QUALIFICATION EXAMINATIONS FOR REAL ESTATE AGENTS AND SALESMEN**

	CALENDAR YEAR	
	1960	1961
Total Candidates .....	672	611
Qualified .....	552	506
Failed to qualify .....	88	89
Candidates Pending December 31 .....	32	16

**REAL ESTATE COMPLAINTS**

Complaints .....	135	113
Charges Entered .....	10	10
Charges Dismissed or Withdrawn .....	Nil	Nil
Convictions Obtained .....	9	8
Cases Pending .....	1	2
Letters of Warning .....	27	24
Fines Paid .....	\$240	\$195
Jail Sentences .....	1 18-mos. suspended sentence. 1 2-mos. imprisonm't.	1 1-year suspended sentence

# JUBILEE AUDITORIUMS

The Jubilee Auditoriums in Edmonton and Calgary are managed by an Auditorium Management Committee appointed by Order in Council and consisting of Mr. E. R. Hughes, Deputy Provincial Secretary as Chairman, and three other members. The Committee meets regularly (usually monthly) and as well holds many informal consultations. Each Auditorium has its own full-time staff headed by a manager.

The following table indicates the extent to which the Auditoriums were used in 1961, showing the use of each of the rooms or areas in the buildings.

## A.—

Southern Auditorium			Northern Auditorium		
Average Attendance per Session	No. of Sessions*	Total Attendance		Total Attendance	No. of Sessions* Average Attendance per Session
1,070	257	274,973	Theatre	258,090	168 1,536
215	190	40,878	Social Room	50,300	240 209
104	97	10,127	Banquet Room	8,670	137 63
51	102	5,204	Assembly Room	10,560	204 52
58	204	11,887	Club Room	18,910	223 85
70	81	5,645	Rehearsal Room	4,275	89 48
390	77	30,206	Lower Lobby and Exhibit Area	88,400	390 226
		<hr/> 378,920		<hr/> 439,205	

\* Each morning, afternoon or evening constitutes a Session.

\* The varied use of the Auditoriums may be gauged from the following table indicating the number of sessions for each of the types of activities shown:

B.—

**Southern Auditorium**

No. of Sessions

**Northern Auditorium**

No. of Sessions

15	Art and Handicraft	525
190	Meetings	263
263	Trade Shows	119
107	Rehearsals	106
43	Banquets & Luncheons	104
93	Conventions	75
63	Receptions	50
31	Films	34
5	Graduations	7
57	Music Festivals	3
8	Dances	50
22	Professional Variety Shows	21
17	Recitals and Concerts	20
18	Symphony Concerts	8
17	Christmas Parties	9
13	Amateur Variety Shows	12
18	Amateur Plays	6
10	Amateur Musicals	13
5	Religious Services	9
4	Ballets	6
3	Professional Plays	2
1	Operas	4
	Recording Sessions	4
3	Professional Musicals	
2	Religious Meetings	
	T.V. Broadcasts	1



# PUBLIC RELATIONS OFFICE

Up to the end of 1961 recreational grants under the Recreational Grant Program of the Government's Five-Year Plan have been distributed to qualifying communities in Alberta as follows:

5 cities received .....	\$ 366,382.00
65 towns received .....	1,101,603.70
94 villages received .....	285,469.36
92 hamlets received .....	216,413.11
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	\$1,969,868.17

The above figures cover grant disbursements on 455 different recreational facilities in the Province.

During the past year there was a considerable increase in the number of conventions and meetings held in the Province due to Alberta's ever increasing popularity as a convention site. Government hospitality in the form of luncheons, dinners, etc. was extended on more than 50 occasions. The use of government menu covers is becoming increasingly popular and these menu covers are being widely distributed to both local organizations and to visitors from outside the Province.

As in past years the Public Relations Director was called upon to assist in extending hospitality to visiting dignitaries.

The Public Relations Office distributed a considerable amount of descriptive and informative literature dealing with the Province and the various government services. The government information telephone service attached to the office, continues to be widely used by the general public.

During the past year Alberta was the scene of the Macdonald Brier Curling Bonspiel. Other national athletic events were participated in by the Alberta Ladies' Golf Team, the Alberta Ladies' Curling Champions, the Alberta representatives in the Dominion Lawn Bowling Championships and the Alberta High School Curling Champions.

The Public Relations Director is a member of the Government Advisory Committee on Advertising and Publications, the Departmental Suggestion Award Committee, the Tourist Facility Signs Committee and the Recreation Facilities Grant Committee.

# RECREATION AND CULTURAL DEVELOPMENT BRANCH

One of the prime functions of the Recreation and Cultural Development Branch is the training of competent leadership to successfully carry on cultural and recreational programs on community, regional and provincial levels. It is the hope of the Branch to be able to give sufficient leadership training so that each community or region will be able to organize its own program for the benefit of all its citizens.

The following boards of able and public-spirited citizens have given invaluable assistance in the way of advice to the Branch on the performance of its various functions:

## **RECREATION AND CULTURAL DEVELOPMENT BOARD**

Mr. J. R. Wright, Edmonton, Chairman; Mrs. Rose Wilson, Grande Prairie; Mr. Warren Smith, Westlock; Mr. Ross Rathie, Calgary; Reverend J. Strapp, Wainwright; Mrs. Helen Appleton, Medicine Hat; Dr. B. Wayne Matkin, Lethbridge; and Miss Elsie McFarland, Edmonton, Secretary.

## **ARTS AND CRAFTS BOARD**

Miss Joyce Richards, Jasper, Chairman; Mrs. Blanche Schon, Brooks; Mrs. M. Decosse, St. Paul; Mr. Kenneth Sturdy, Calgary; Mr. J. B. Taylor, Edmonton; and Mr. L. F. Graff, Edmonton, Secretary.

## **DRAMA BOARD**

Mr. Gordon Peacock, Edmonton, Chairman; Mr. H. A. Pike, Tofield; Mr. J. L. Levinson, Medicine Hat; Mrs. Mary Mooney, Edmonton; Reverend A. Bush, Grande Prairie; and Mr. J. T. McCreath, Edmonton, Secretary.

## **LIBRARY BOARD**

Mr. John E. Dutton, Lethbridge, Chairman; Mrs. A. P. Hunter, Edmonton; Mrs. J. F. Swanston, Grande Prairie; Miss K. M. Allen, Calgary; Mr. Donald A. Biard, Edmonton; and Mr. E. T. Wiltshire, Edmonton, Secretary.

## **MUSIC BOARD**

Mr. Norman Kennedy, Calgary, Chairman; Mrs. D. S. Smith, Lethbridge; Mr. D. McFarlane, Beaverlodge; Captain F. E. McLeod, Calgary; Mr. G. K. Greene, Edmonton; and Mr. D. J. Peterkin, Edmonton, Secretary.

Scholarships and Grants were awarded during the year 1961 on the advice of the above boards as follows:

Scholarships:

	Number	Amount
Drama .....	14	\$ 2,400.00
Handicraft .....	7	1,350.00
Library .....	4	2,003.34
Music .....	6	1,505.60
Recreation Administration .....	6	1,250.00
Visual Arts .....	6	1,650.00
	<hr/> 43	<hr/> \$ 10,159.44

Grants:

Grants to organizations .....	12	\$ 9,868.50
Grants to Libraries .....	(Regional)	21,602.70
	(Municipal)	63,194.04
	(Community)	20,220.06
Grants for Recreation Leadership .....		32,934.56
<b>TOTAL GRANTS .....</b>		<hr/> <b>\$147,819.86</b>

### ADMINISTRATION DIVISION

The following table shows the various leadership schools or courses held during the year and concerned with the administration of recreation programs and the organization of communities or areas in the Province for recreation programs:

	Number Attending	Number of Communities
Workshop for Municipal Recreation Boards .....	80	44
Recreation Directors' Seminar .....	36	19
Leadership Course for Camp Counsellors .....	88	16
Playground Leaders Course .....	72	24
Recreation Leadership School .....	137	72

In addition to its comprehensive regular courses the Recreation Leadership School featured in 1961 an advanced course in Leathercraft under the instruction of Mr. Robert Muma of Toronto. A full course in Educational Gymnastics under the direction of Miss Margaret Caudwell of Coventry, England, introduced students to the latest techniques in handling large groups and stimulating the participants' interest in use of space, equipment and natural talents. Other features included advanced and basic ceramics and design instruction.

Due to the rapid development of Recreation Boards all over Alberta and due to the newness of the functions and duties of these Boards plus the fact that only two representatives could attend the Provincial Workshop, Recreation Boards were in need of help to establish policies, budgets, facilities and leadership and some basic group assistance was required at a local level. It was felt that by operating short workshops in regions and making it possible for the total boards to attend, a better total understanding of duties would result.

The co-operation of the City of Drumheller and the Drumheller I.D. in organizing a recreation program has been a unique feature of 1961. Much will be learned from this project and it might well be that other communities will pattern their organization after it.



A total of 43 communities were visited by members of the staff of the Branch for the purpose of consulting with councils, recreation boards and special service groups and offering advice and assistance on administrative problems.

Highlights of the year for the Southern Area office were the establishing and extension of regional leadership courses utilizing the various specialist personnel and recreation directors. A variety of leadership courses were held in several locations.

- 16 Recreation Boards have been established in the area.
- 7 Communities are in the process of organizing.
- 3 Communities in the Crowsnest Pass (Bellevue, Blairmore and Crowsnest) are negotiating to establish a joint operation.
- 2 Communities (Bow Island and Blairmore) have completed Playground Courses.

**ARTS AND CRAFTS DIVISION**

The following craft courses were given during 1961:

	No. of Courses	Communities Represented	Attendance
Ceramics .....	7	10	71
Copper .....	2	2	18
Design .....	6	7	62
Leather .....	2	7	15
	<hr/> 17	<hr/> 26	<hr/> 166

The government has continued its policy of supplying communities with craft equipment on a contract basis. Nine groups were supported in this way in 1961 with total loans in the amount of \$3,647.60.

A new and different venture started last year was Provincial Travelling Exhibitions, which were offered for the use of libraries, Home and School Associations, Recreation Centres, etc. A total of 12 exhibitions made 205 scheduled stops across the Province and were viewed by 88 separate communities.

**ALBERTACRAFT 1961**

The ninth annual Albertacraft Exhibition was held in the Northern Alberta Jubilee Auditorium, in Edmonton, July 17 - 26, 1961. Exhibits were from all parts of Canada and almost every craft and level of development was represented. Entries from advanced craftsmen and craft centres were the core of the exhibition, but of special interest and note was the very large children's art display.

Demonstrations of copper-enamelling, lapidary, clay modelling and of children painting at easels, were spaced throughout the ten-day exhibit. Films were shown during afternoon and evening on a variety of craft subject matters.

A total of 150 entries, made up of over 1200 items, were received for judging and exhibiting in the Albertacraft 1961 Exhibition. The attendance was approximately 20,000 people.

## **ATHLETICS AND OUTDOOR EDUCATION DIVISION**

A new position of Supervisor of Athletics and Outdoor Education was established in March 1961. Since that time the Supervisor has conducted an extensive survey throughout the Province to determine the needs in the area of athletics and outdoor education.

During the year a total of ten one-day and two-day clinics were held at different points in the Province, covering the fields of synchronized swimming, volleyball, badminton, basketball and hockey officiating and coaching, tumbling, judo, wrestling, athletic training, speed skating and figure skating. One hundred and twenty five communities were represented at these clinics, with 437 persons attending.

## **DRAMA DIVISION**

1961 was a year in which all of the leading and newer drama groups in the Province received a great deal of attention and assistance in the form of workshops and consultative visits. Drama workshops were held during the year in Lethbridge, Medicine Hat, Red Deer, St. Paul and Mannville, and two in Grande Prairie. These workshops were run on a two-three day basis, and the staff was headed by Mr. Peacock, Mr. Bueckert, Mr. Baril and Mr. McCreath. Twenty-four communities were represented at these workshops. Concentration was on acting, club organization, make-up, stagecraft and directing.

During the year visits were also made with assistance given to 10 communities. The drama supervisor also assisted Edson with its very successful 50th Anniversary Production—"Look Behind You, Neighbor".

A Second Olds Drama Seminar was held in August with a top-grade staff recruited from Eastern Canada and a capacity attendance of 47. These students represented 21 Alberta communities. Miss Springford of Mountain Playhouse, Montreal, and Esme Crampton of London, England and Toronto, were instructing.

High School Drama Festivals were organized in Zones 1 and 3 this year, and these festivals were most successfully carried off, being held in Grande Prairie, Peace River and Tofield. Fifteen schools were involved.

## **LIBRARIES DIVISION**

A second correspondence course for library custodians was completed in the Spring of 1961. The maximum number of twenty students was enrolled and nineteen completed the course and attended the three day seminar at the University of Alberta in May.

A workshop for rural library custodians was held in Lethbridge on November 23rd and 24th. Seventeen library custodians and trustees attended representing 6 communities.

Two community libraries were established in 1961 and three community libraries became municipal libraries. New library buildings have been opened in four municipalities.

## **MUSIC DIVISION**

Six band workshops and two band and orchestra workshops of from two to four days each were held during the year. Five hundred and eighty-three persons attended these workshops representing 101 communities.

Through the co-operation of the General Officer Commanding Western Command it was possible to arrange a band tour to communities in the Peace River district by the band of the R.C.A.F. training command. The University of Alberta, Edmonton Mixed Chorus and the University of Alberta, Calgary Glee Club, also visited a number of communities in the Province.

A series of twelve Sunday afternoon band concerts were given from the bandshell in the Legislative Building grounds at Edmonton during the Summer of 1961. A final concert and parade was given by the massed bands of the P.P.C.L.I., the Lord Strathcona's Horse and the Bugle and Drum bands of the P.P.C.L.I. and the Queen's Own Rifles.



# APPENDIX

1961

## REPORT

of

## THE GEOGRAPHIC BOARD OF ALBERTA

Appointed by

ORDER IN COUNCIL 254 - 46

Dated February 6, 1946, and further regulated by  
The Geographical Names Act, 1949.

The Reports of the Board for the years 1946 to 1958 are contained in the Second to the Fourteenth Annual Reports of the Department of Economic Affairs, and 1959 on in the Reports of the Provincial Secretary of the Province of Alberta.

**REPORT OF THE GEOGRAPHIC BOARD OF ALBERTA**  
**February, 1962**

The Honourable A. R. Patrick,  
Provincial Secretary,  
Edmonton, Alberta.

Honourable Sir:

We beg to submit for your consideration the report of the Geographic Board of Alberta for the year 1961.

Respectfully submitted,

ERIC J. HOLMGREN,  
Secretary.

MORDEN H. LONG,  
Chairman.

MEMBERS  
of the  
GEOGRAPHIC BOARD OF ALBERTA  
1961

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Professor Morden H. Long, M.A., F.R.S.C., Chairman.

Mr. E. J. Holmgren, B.A., B.L.S., Provincial Librarian, Secretary.

Mr. John H. Holloway, M.Sc.

Mr. Duncan R. Innes, M.A.

Mr. Carl W. Lester, D.L.S., A.L.S., Director of Surveys.

# REPORT OF THE GEOGRAPHIC BOARD OF ALBERTA

For the Year 1961

## **NATURE OF THE BOARD'S DUTIES**

The duties of the Geographic Board of Alberta include the collecting, recording, and collating of information concerning names of geographical features in Alberta. This work is carried out in consultation with governmental departments (federal and provincial), municipalities, railway companies and other bodies and individuals concerned with the selection of place names. The Alberta Board collaborates with the Canadian Permanent Committee on Geographical Names with respect to the choice of new geographical names, the elimination of alternate, undesirable and duplicate names and the adoption of desirable changes in the spelling of names. The following is a short resume of the proceedings of the Board in the pursuance of these duties for the year 1961.

## **THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE CANADIAN BOARD ON GEOGRAPHICAL NAMES**

The Secretary attended this meeting held in Ottawa in February 1961. The chief item on the agenda was the studying of a new Order-in-Council setting up a Permanent Committee on Geographical Names to replace the Canadian Board. After the draft Order-in-Council received approval in principle from the Board, its final form was to be prepared by the Department of Mines and Technical Surveys. The membership of the Permanent Committee and its duties were clearly spelled out in a way that was considerably more detailed than the Order-in-Council of the old Board had been. In the autumn of 1961 the Secretary of the Alberta Board was informed of the change and serves as the Alberta Member of the Permanent Committee. Other items dealt with at the annual meeting were the naming of certain features and the question of new Gazetteers and new editions of those existing.

## **NEW PLACE NAMES**

In 1961 there were no adoptions of noteworthy names for features. One development that can be noted was the establishment of a number of railway sidings serving gas extraction plants and similar oil exploration installations. The railways are obliged to give these a name for revenue purposes and the Board was called upon to approve these names in each case.

## **THE GAZETTEER OF ALBERTA**

Ever since the Gazetteer of Alberta was first published in 1958, annual supplements have been issued to keep it up to date. These supplements were published by the Surveys Branch of the Department of Highways for the years 1958, 1959 and 1960. It is expected that a similar supplement will be prepared and published covering the year 1961. The Board wishes to thank the Surveys Branch for preparing the supplements.

## **PLACE NAMES OF ALBERTA**

As new names are added to Alberta's map, a record of their origin is kept wherever possible. This is done by a card file and such a file will be of great use in preparing a new edition of Place Names of Alberta. It is hoped that with the assistance of the Canadian Permanent Committee it will be possible to publish a revised version of this work.

The following is a list of names adopted together with their locations.



# NEW NAMES

NAME	FEATURE	LOCATION	POSITION
Ammonite Creek	Creek	Flows S.W. into Rocky River	12-47-27-W5 53 02 117 49
Berry, Mount	Mountain	N. of Fiddle Pass	7-47-24-W5 53 03 117 30
Bison Creek	Creek	Flows W. into Mistaya R.	34-20-W5 51 53 116 42
Brazeau Dam	Post Office	N.W. of Rocky Mountain House	17-46-11-W5 52 58 115 34
Carnarvon Lake	Lake	N.W. of Mt. MacLaren	16- 6-W5 50 22 114 49
Chain Lake	Lake	N.E. of Colin L.	122- 1-W4 59 38 110 01
Cherry Lake	Lake	N. of Colin L.	124- 1-W4 59 45 110 06
Cinema Lake	Lake	S.W. of Mt. Saskatchewan	35-23-W5 52 03 117 15
Confederation, Mount	Mountain	E. of Fortress Mtn.	39-16-W5 52 24 117 36
Doan	Station	N. of Bowden	3-35- 1-W5 51 58 114 03
Economy Lake	Lake	S.E. of Grande Prairie	28,29-68- 2-W6 54 55 118 15
Fallow, Lake	Lake	N.W. of Puskwaskau	31,72-24-W5 55 17 117 41
Gee, Mount	Mountain	S.E. of Fortress Mtn.	39-24-W5 52 20 117 27
Gilgit Mountain	Mountain	On Alta.-B.C. Bdy.	32-21-W5 51 43 116 51
Gong Lake	Lake	E. of Fortress Mtn.	39-25-W5 52 23 117 35
Governor Lake	Lake	N. of Colin L.	122- 1-W4 59 38 110 07
Grassy Mountain	Mountain	N.W. of Nordegg	43-16-W5 52 42 116 18
Hair Lake	Lake	N. of Colin L.	123- 1-W4 59 42 110 06
Lagoon Lake	Lake	E. of Mt. David	33-20-W5 51 51 116 47
Laurie, Mount	Mountain	S.E. of Banff	7-25- 8-W5 51 07 115 07
Lawrence Creek	Creek	Flows N.E. into Baptiste R.	30-41-11-W5 52 34 115 29
Lister Lake	Lake	N. of Colin L.	123- 1-W4 59 43 110 09
Marna Lake	Lake	S.W. of Pincher Creek	32- 5- 1-W5 49 26 114 06
Mummery Group	Range	On Alta.-B.C. Bdy.	31-21-W5 51 42 116 51
Nelson, Mount	Mountain	S.E. of Fortress Mtn.	39-25-W5 52 20 117 28
Noyes Creek	Creek	Flows W. into Mistaya R.	33-19-W5 51 50 116 37
Otway	Junction	S.E. of Rocky Mountain House	22-39- 7-W5 52 22 114 55
Outram Lake	Lake	S.E. of Mt. Outram	33-20-W5 51 52 116 49
Parapet Glacier	Glacier	On Alta.-B.C. Bdy.	32-19-W5 51 45 116 39
Pecten	Station	S. of Pincher Creek	21- 4-30-W4 49 18 113 59
Pegasus Lake	Lake	N. of Whitecourt	29-61-11-W5 54 19 115 38

# NEW NAMES

NAME	FEATURE	LOCATION	POSITION
Pembina Heights	Post Office	N.E. of Barrhead	24-60- 2-W5 54 13 114 10
Rainy Creek	Creek	Flows S.E. into Blindman R.	3-40- 1-W5 52 25 114 03
Silverhorn Creek	Creek	Flows N.W. into Mistaya R.	33-19-W5 51 49 116 36
Spider Lake	Lake	N. of St. Agnes L.	124- 2-W4 59 47 110 13
Thompson Pass	Pass	On Alta.-B.C. Bdy.	35-23-W5 52 03 117 16
Totem Creek	Creek	Flows S.W. into Mistaya R.	33-19-W5 51 51 116 40
Ullin	Station	W. of Rocky Mountain House	13-39- 8-W5 52 22 115 01
Valley of Lakes	Valley	N.W. of Glacier L.	35-21-W5 51 58 116 57
Waitabit Peak	Peak	On Alta.-B.C. Bdy.	31-21-W5 51 42 116 54
Weary Creek Gap	Gap	On Alta.-B.C. Bdy.	16- 6-W5 50 24 114 51
White Pyramid Peak	Peak	W. of Mt. Chephren	33-30-W5 51 50 116 42
Wildcat	Station	W. of Cochrane	16-26- 5-W5 51 13 114 39

# CHANGES

NAME	FEATURE	LOCATION	POSITION
Berry's Creek—not Berrys Creek (As shown on Page 8)	Creek	Flows N.E. into Gregg R.	53 06 117 28
Blackmud Creek	Creek	Flows N. into Whitemud Cr.	53 27 113 33 (Corr. in Location)
Epaulette Mountain—not Pyramid Mountain (as shown on Page 71)	Mountain	W. of Waterfowl Lakes	51 52 116 44
Forbes Creek—not Forbes Brook (As shown on Page 32)	Creek	Flows E. into Howse R.	51 49 116 48
Freshfield Creek—not Freshfield Brook (As shown on Page 33)	Creek	Flows E. into Howse R.	51 48 116 49
Little MacKenzie Creek—not Little MacKenzie Creek (as shown on p. 50)	Creek	Flows N.E. into MacKenzie Cr.	53 02 117 10
MacKenzie Creek—not Mackenzie Creek (As shown on Page 53)	Creek	Flows N. into McLeod R.	53 05 117 10
Nanga Parbat—not Mount Nanga Parbat (as shown on Page 62)	Mountain	On Alta.-B.C. Bdy.	51 42 116 52
Shannon Coulee—not Shannon Coulee (As shown on Page 78)	Creek	Flows N. into Lott Cr.	51 01 114 16
Stretton Creek—not Stretton Brook (As shown on Page 84)	Creek	Flows N.W. into Vermilion R.	53 29 110 24
Whitemud Creek	Creek	Flows N. into North Saskatchewan R.	53 31 113 34 (Corr. in Location)

# RESCINDED NAMES

NAME	FEATURE	LOCATION	POSITION
Kaydee Oras	Locality	N.W. of Mountain Park	53 05 117 17
(As shown on Page 19 and 65)	Post Office	N.E. of Rocky Mountain House	52 23 114 48

















